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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, VS

SUBJECT: REFUGEES EVACUATION FROM DANANG

REF: SAIGON 3697

1. AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM SEPARATE MESSAGES, WE ARE MOVING TO UTILIZE AVAILABLE CIVIL AND MILITARY SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT ASSETS IN THE REGION TO EVACUATE AS MANY REFUGEES AS POSSIBLE FROM DANANG TO SAFER AREAS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THESE SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED INTO DANANG HARBOR AND AIRPORT ONLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF EMBASSY SAIGON. THIS EFFORT IS BEING MADE ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT GVN WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST MINIMUM SECURITY CONTROL IN DANANG.

2. WE WILL NOT INVOLVE US COMBAT-EQUIPPED FORCES FOR SECURITY IN THIS EFFORT. NOR WILL WE REDEPLOY EAGLE PULL ASSETS ASSIGNED ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS FOR EVACUATION OF PHNOM PENH.

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3. WE ARE CALLING ON OTHER COUNTRIES TO ASSIST IN THIS

EFFORT AND NOTE GOVN IS ALREADY DOING SO. IN THIS REGARD,
WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW LP PROMPTLY ON ROC'S AND ROK'S
READINESS TO PROVIDE LST'S AND ASSUME THE GVN WILL DO THE
SAME, BOTH FOR ROC-AND ROK-MANNED LST'S AND FOR LST LOANS.
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